IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system having a program for a server to handle one or more client requests, the method comprising the steps of: obtaining one or more of said client requests for hierarchically organized data at a server; dividing said client requests into one or more smaller units, said smaller units being a unit serviceable by a worker thread; placing said smaller units in a queue; and servicing said units in order.
 - 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said client requests are in XML format.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said hierarchically organized data is stored using a Document Object Model.
 - 4. (Canceled)
 - 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said server is a registry server.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said queue is handled using a FIFO scheduling algorithm.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said units are defined by an XML <envelope> and an XML </envelope>tag.
 - 8. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein configured to cause a server to handle one or more client requests comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to obtain one or more of said client requests for hierarchically organized data at a server;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to divide said client requests into one or more smaller units, said smaller units being a unit serviceable by a worker thread;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to place said smaller units in a queue; and

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to service said units in order.

- 9. (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said client requests are in XML format.
- 10. (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said hierarchically organized data is stored using a Document Object Model.
 - 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said server is a registry server.
- 13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11 wherein said queue is handled using a FIFO scheduling algorithm.

- 14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said units are defined by an XML <envelope> and an XML </envelope>tag.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A server framework in a computer system comprising:

 a memory for storing one or more client requests for hierarchically organized data from a server; a thread pool object configured to divide said requests into one or more smaller units, said smaller units being a unit serviceable by a worker thread; placing said smaller units in a queue; and one or more worker objects configured to service said units in order.
- 16. (Original) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said client requests are in XML format.
- 17. (Original) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said hierarchically organized data is stored using a Document Object Model.
 - 18. (Canceled)
 - 19. (Original) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said server is a registry server.
- 20. (Original) The server framework of claim 18 wherein said queue is handled using a FIFO scheduling algorithm.

- 21. (Original) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said units are defined by an XML <envelope> and an XML </envelope>tag.
 - 22. (Currently Amended) A system for implementing a server framework comprising: a processor; and

a memory including:

one or more requests for hierarchically organized data transmitted from a client to a server;

a thread pool object configured to divide said requests into one or more smaller units, said smaller units being a unit serviceable by a worker object;

a queue in which said smaller units are placed; and one or more worker objects configured to service said units in order.

- 23. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said requests are in XML format.
- 24. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said hierarchically organized data is stored using a Document Object Model.
 - 25. (Canceled)
 - 26. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said server is a registry server.

- 27. (Original) The system of claim 25 wherein said queue is handled using a FIFO scheduling algorithm.
- 28. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said units are defined by an XML <envelope> and an XML </envelope>tag.

29-35. (Canceled)

- 36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a plurality of client requests are received and said units represent portions of multiple from the plurality of client requests are placed in the same queue.
- 37. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein a plurality of client requests are received and said units represent portions of multiple from the plurality of client requests are placed in the same queue.
- 38. (Currently Amended) The server framework of claim 15 wherein a plurality of client requests are received and said units represent portions of multiple from the plurality of client requests are placed in the same queue.
- 39. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein a plurality of client requests are received and said units represent portions of multiple from the plurality of client requests are placed in the same queue.

- 40. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the plurality of client requests are received through a plurality of sockets, and wherein the worker thread services units received through at least two of the plurality of sockets.
- 41. (New) The computer program product of claim 37 wherein the plurality of client requests are received through a plurality of sockets, and wherein the worker thread services units received through at least two of the plurality of sockets.
- 42. (New) The server framework of claim 38 wherein the plurality of client requests are received through a plurality of sockets, and wherein the worker thread services units received through at least two of the plurality of sockets.
- 43. (New) The system of claim 39 wherein the plurality of client requests are received through a plurality of sockets, and wherein the worker object services units received through at least two of the plurality of sockets.